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Design Patent



Plant Patent

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/56)  
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification and Claims in double column copy of patent format (amended, if appropriate)
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(37 C.F.R. § 1.175) (PTO/SB/51 or 52)
6. Original U.S. Patent currently assigned?  
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(If Yes, check applicable box(es))  
☒ Written Consent of all Assignees (PTO/SB/53)  
☒ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(PTO/SB/96)

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. ☐ Statement of status/support for all changes to the claims. See 37 CFR 1.173 (c)
8. ☒ Original U.S. Patent for surrender  
☐ Ribbonded Original Patent Grant  
☐ Statement of Loss (PTO/SB/55)
9. ☐ Foreign Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119) (if applicable)
10. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
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## Claims as Amended - Part 2

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